GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:997
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TRIFED
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the main functions of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED);

(b) the specific work undertaken by TRIFED in Rajasthan and in other States during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to promote developmental activities for tribals in various States during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) As per the new Bye-laws, which came into force w.e.f. 02.04.2003, the main objective of TRIFED is to serve the interest of its members in more than one State for the social and economic betterment of its members by conducting its affairs in professional, democratic and autonomous manner through self help and mutual cooperation for undertaking marketing development of the tribal products. TRIFED has therefore shifted its focus from procurement and sales of MFP towards market development of tribal products. However, procurement activities are continued to be looked after by TRIFED`s Member Organisations namely Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations and Forest Development Corporations as per their mandate.

(b)& (c) The information is placed at Annexure-I.

Annexure -I

STATEMENT TO PARTS (b)&(c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 997 FOR 07.12.2004 REGARDING TRIFED

During 2001-02, from Rajasthan TRIFED has procured Minor Forest Produce and Surplus Agriculture Produce worth Rs. 621.55 lakhs and during 2002-03 MFP/SAP worth Rs. 326.38 lakhs. No procurement was done during 2003-04. The details of procurement undertaken by TRIFED in other States prior to the introduction of new bye-laws of TRIFED is given at Statement `A`.

TRIFED has also imparted training to tribals in various States during last three years, the details of which are enclosed at Statement `B`.

Under the scheme of Grain Banks of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs TRIFED is disbursing funds to State channelising agencies for establishment of Grain Banks. So far TRIFED has disbursed an amount of Rs. 20.50 crore to the States of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Tripura, Rajasthan, TamilNadu, Kerala and Maharashtra for establishing 4858 Village Grain Banks.

TRIFED is also marketing the tribal products through its exclusive outlet TRIBES Shop situated at 9, Mahadev Road, New Delhi

Through its Research and Development Centre and Testing Laboratory situated at 9 & 10, Sikka Complex, Preet Vihar, Delhi, TRIFED is engaged in testing of tribal products, development of their quality standardisation, storage norms, etc.

The steps taken to promote developmental activities for tribals in various States are as under :

Babasaheb Ambedkar Hasthshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka and West Bengal.

A handicraft development project in the tribal areas of 13 States was prepared and submitted to the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). The idea was to create self-sustaining handicraft clusters of tribals in those States so that the craft items made by them through the training and other inputs given by TRIFED and its associated organisations find their way to the market and thus the tribals get additional employment through the pursuit of art/craft activity. Out of the above 13 States only 4 States namely, Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka and West Bengal were considered for TRIFED`s intervention by the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). TRIFED in effect has made the baseline survey for selection of handicraft artisans mobilised them into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and opened the Bank Account of those SHGs. As a result 225 no. of SHGs has been formed comprising 2756 no. of tribal artisans in the aforesaid 4 States. The SHGs are doing thrift and credit practices and are being oriented with handicraft activity so that they can take it as their occupation. Now the second phase of intervention through the skill upgradation and design development of the crafts practised and pursued by the SHG members, is underway.

(ii) A demonstrative project on development of Medicinal Herbs by way of Cultivation and Marketing of Safed Musli and Amla (as mixed cropping) at Jagdalpur has been put on ground under the financial assistance from National Medicinal Plant Board. A quantity of 20 Qtls. of Safed Musli was procured and sown in an area of 4 acres. An approximate yield of 100 Qtl. is expected from this cultivation. There has been regular activity of upkeep and growth monitoring of the cultivated crop through the TRIFED`s staff members posted over there. The crop of Safed Musli has come up well and it is in the mid way enroute harvesting. Some sample of this crop was displayed and demonstrated in Arogya Mela, New Delhi in 2004 during which it was accorded good response. This project will go a long way in imparting training to the tribals on cultivation, pre and post harvest management of the crop, processing and marketing and thus disseminating the same agricultural practices in adjoining tribal areas as also in other States with similar agro climatic conditions.

Two tribal women SHGs of Narainpur District of Chhattisgarh were imparted training on making of Hill Broom from raw Hill Grass so that marketable quality of Hill Grass could be produced through attainment of required skill and competency by the tribal women. For this purpose trainer from Delhi market was deputed to Narainpur who had imparted the training. As raw material, around 240 quintals. Hill Grass was purchased from a tribal society of Abhujmarh area of Chhattisgarh. So far about 7000 nos. brooms have been produced by the tribal women and the marketing of the same is being done by TRIFED.

iv) TRIFED started a project in collaboration with IIT, Kharagpur for income and employment generation of the tribals dwelling in forest and forest fringe areas through application of rural technology. Towards this end a non-electrical machine was developed by IIT, Kharagpur to make moulded plates and bowls (Dona - Pattal) from Sal, Siali and other such forest based leaves. These machines being run by Bio Mass fuel such as dried parts of plants twigs, leaves, fibres, etc. can be used by the tribals by staying at their own places of habitat where there is no electricity or lack of electricity. TRIFED has got 213 nos. tribals trained directly for operating these machines through the resource person of IIT and TRIFED in the State of West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Further in the State of Jharkhand the operation of this machine has been demonstrated through Paryavaran Melas, exhibitions, etc. So far as many as 44 machines have been purchased by TRIFED and distributed to the tribals in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat Deployment of such machines in the North Eastern States, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka is under active consideration.

v) A Vocational Training Center in the TRIFED`s Industrial Complex at Jagdalpur is under the progress of establishment wherein tribals of the country will be imparted training on scientific collection, pre and post harvest management, storage, packaging, value addition and marketing of Minor Forest Produce.

vi) A Duty Free Handicraft Shop in collaboration with ITDC and Office of Development Commissioner (Handicraft) has been established at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi for promoting tribal art and craft to the upmarkets through domestic and international tourists.

TRIBES Shop an exclusive outlet for tribal products is being run by TRIFED at 9, Mahadev Road, New Delhi for showcasing and market development of various art, crafts and natural/organic products made by the tribals of the country.

TRIFED Research and Development Centre and Testing Laboratory is also being run from 9 & 10, Sikka Complex, Preet Vihar, Delhi which is engaged in testing of tribal products, development of their quality standardisation, storage norms, etc. Further R&D activities for exploring new uses of tribal products through laboratory experiments, applied/adaptive research and their applications are also being undertaken through this initiative. In order to meet the increasing need for improved testing methods and applications, the upgradation of R&D Centre is underway.

TRIFED is in the process of publishing a Trade Directory of tribal products, their users, buyers, sellers, traders, processors, associated developmental agencies and related stakeholders in an effort to facilitate marketing development of tribal products. Towards this initiative, as many as 16000 addresses (approx.) have been collected from the States which are under the progress of compilation.

A website of TRIFED is under preparation for which financial assistance has been received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for getting the same done through NICSI, Government of India.

To supplement the efforts of the State level and primary level Tribal Development Cooperatives in successfully marketing their products such as Honey, shikakai, Soapnuts, Treemoss, Rampatra and other MFPs, TRIFED has put on efforts of pooling the stakeholders such as representative of LAMPS Federation, Government Departments, buyers, users and industry professionals under a buyer seller meet. One such activity has been undertaken recently at Bangalore on 19.11.2004.

To look after the health and nutritional aspect of tribals especially ladies and children, a project on production and distribution of energy/health food have been submitted for approval to the Ministry of Food Processing so that the issue of starvation death and malnutrition prevailing in tribal areas is addressed. Such projects are contemplated to be undertaken in the States of Jharkhand, Orissa, etc.

Statement - A

STATE WISE DETAILS OF PROCUREMENT UNDERTAKEN BY TRIFED DURING LAST THREE YEARS

Qty. in Mts
Value Rs. In Lakhs

States	2001-02	2002-03

	MFP Qty.	MFP Val.	SAP Qty.	SAP Val.	Total Qty.	Total Val.	MFP Qty.	MFP Val.	SAP Qty.	SAP Val.	Total Qty.	Total Val.
Andhra Pradesh	1750.973	165.178	179.225	25.498	1930.198	190.676	5.27	1.69	83.82	16.27	89.09	17.96
Bihar/Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0		0.00		0.00		
Chattisgarh	9737.567	470.15	38.966	1.489	9776.533	471.639	20.166	0.755	0	0	20.17	0.76
Gujarat	0	0	115.336	12.598	115.336	12.598	0	0	68.821	18.27	68.82	18.27
Karnataka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	29.76	33.00	29.76
Madhya Pradesh	55.818	1.84	3281.094	347.659	3336.912	349.499	0	0	1842.984	218.37	1843.0	218.37
Maharashtra	0.19	0.04	501.53	61.86	501.72	61.9	0	0	50.7	7.59	50.70	7.59
NE States	17.12	22.248	45.931	2.92	63.051	25.168	259.73	28.06	24.45	3.296	284.2	31.36
Orissa	100.06	6.789	381.36	42.139	481.42	48.928	0	0	403.21	67.9	403.2	67.90
Rajasthan	66.228	2.85	5173.74	618.7	5239.968	621.55	0	0	2473.11	326.38	2473	326.38
Tamil Nadu	0	0	9.08	0.459	9.08	0.459	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
West Bengal	0.07	0.08	0	0	0.07	0.08	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
TRIBES Shop		25.74		24.36								
(Handicraft/ Handloom Items)												
Sub-Total	11728.026	669.175	9726.262	1113.322	21454.288	1808.237	285.166	30.505	4980.095	687.836	5265.261	742.701
Deeemed Procurement (Through issuance of NOC)		1980.25		290.46		2270.71		1394.46		349.16		1743.62
Grand Total	11728.026	2649.425	9726.262	1403.782	21454.288	4078.947	285.166	1424.965	4980.095	1036.996	5265.261	2486

Statement B

Details of Training/Workshop/Seminars organised by TRIFED during the period 2000- to 2003-04:

a) Period (1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001)

S.No	Details of Training	Venue of Training Programme	Number of tribals trained	Amount spent on training (in Rs.)
1.	Collection and storage of Neem Seed	Van Chetna Kendra,Gujarat	50	10,000/-
2.	De-seeding, de-fibring and making of tamarind bricks.	Batenga,Jagdalpur	400	82,388/-
3.	Lac farming	Arki,Ranchi	36	16,560/-
4.	Workshop on Medicinal Herbs	Dindori,M.P	75	1,20,000/-
5.	Gum Karaya plantation and training in its extraction, storage, processing.	Chotaudepur, Pavi-jetpur in Baroda, District,Gujarat	50	1,00,000/-
	Total		611	3,28,948/-

b) Period (1.4.2001 to 31.3.2002)

S.No	Details of Training	Venue of Training Programme	Number of tribals trained	Amount spent on training (in Rs.)
1.	Lac growing training and Brood lac distribution	Mandla, M.P	126	300000
2.	Scientific tapping of Gum	Paderu, Etrunagaram, Parvathipuram, Andhra Pradesh	2477	686000
3.	Workshop on Promotion & Marketing of tribal products.	Keonjhar, Orissa	125	51000
4.	Cultivation of Honey	Lahunipara, Sundergarh, District in Orissa	38	80000
	Total		1940	1117000/-

c) Period (1.4.2002 to 31.3.2003)

S.No	Details of Training	Venue of Training Programme	Number of tribals trained	Amount spent on training (in Rs.)
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d) Period (1.4.2003 to 31.3.2004)

S.No	Details of Training	Venue of Training Programme	Number of tribals trained	Amount spent on training (in Rs.)
1	Training tribals of Madhya Pradesh for operating Bio-Mass Fuelled moulding machine for making Dona pattal from Sal and Siali leaves	Mandla and Dindori Districts of Madhya Pradesh.	189	19,000/-
2	Training tribals of West Bengal (11 Nos.) and Chattisgarh (13 Nos.) for operating Bio-Mass Fuelled moulding machine for making Dona pattal from Sal and Siali leaves	IIT, Kharagpur	24	11,700/-
3	Training of SHGs (24 persons) of Chattisgarh for making of Hill Brooms from hill Grass	Narayanpur, Chattisgarh	24	15410/-
	TOTAL		237	46110/-